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A Mask of Hypocrisy.

A correspondent writing from Quiet Dell, W. Va., makes some very pertinent observations in connection with the agitation for a non-partisan supreme court. He calls attention to the fact that when the Democratic party was in full power in the state the wisdom of the scheme never suggested itself. This is true, and we are anxious to know whether this sudden solicitude for an impartial judiciary on the part of the Democrats is a sign of improvement in the body politic, or whether it is another evidence of the conspicuous impudence for which the party in this state has been noted.

In all its history there has not been one gleam of hope as to the sincerity of its professions of fair play. Its desperate and successful fight in defeating the will of the people by cheating General Goff out of the governorship, and its more recent and atrociously corrupt practices in disturbing the properly elected legislative delegates in Taylor and Monroe counties do not inspire the people with any confidence in its advocacy of a non-partisan supreme court.

It seems to us that it is an anticipatory slur on the honesty of a court that will in all probability be composed of Republicans. If a Democratic court is acknowledged to have dispensed a fair article of justice, we do not see why the ability of able Republicans should be questioned under the circumstances. The Democratic party is very sly, and, like the Greeks, its motives are treacherous when it makes a display of liberality that is foreign to its nature. It is more like a death-bed repentance. It knows it is doomed, but it wants to get as much salvation as possible before it passes away.

A Streak of Inconsistency.

Yesterday the Intelligencer quoted some expressions of southern Democratic leaders favorable to the expansion policy of the administration, and we are insistent in regard to the matter because it goes to show that that section of the country is not in accord with the reputed national leader of the party—William Jennings Bryan. A traveling man in an interview in the Washington Post—we give his name, G. M. Currie, of New York, so that he may not be suspected of being a man of straw—speaking of the address delivered at Buffalo the other day by Clark Howell, editor of the Atlanta Constitution, said: "My business causes me to travel in nearly every southern state, and it is in strict accord with the truth to declare that an overwhelming majority of the intelligent people of that section are in favor of holding on to our possessions in the east. They look at the question from a business standpoint, and argue that an extension of our Oriental trade is bound to benefit the cotton planters and manufacturers of the south. But in addition to the commercial argument they do not take stock in the Atkinsonian idea that we should abandon the Philippines to the natives after the expenditure of so much treasure and the loss of so many lives. Editor Howell voiced the real sentiment of his countrymen in eloquent English, and on this question he represents them far more accurately than their political idol, Col. W. J. Bryan."

The Washington Post, admitting the truth of these reflections, points out, however, a noticeable inconsistency in the southern friends of expansion, and it comes in pat with the foregoing conclusion that Bryan will be renominated and the Chicago platform reaffirmed. It says: "If the southern people are so wedded to expansion, and so distinctly its beneficiaries, why do southern publicists and newspapers unite in opposing the party whose policy makes expansion possible? Why do they applaud and support with all their energy the men who oppose expansion, and who, if they had their way, would obliterate the conditions under which the south is now reveling in prosperity? It is all very well for gentlemen to issue proclamations or deliver powerful addresses lauding a policy which enriches them, but it is neither beautiful nor consistent for those same gentlemen to antagonize politically the authors of that policy and to fervently advocate its implacable traducers.

It seems to us that if our southern friends are getting rich on expansion, they can ill-afford to defeat the party

of expansion. That, from our point of view, is paying much too high a price for sentiment."

New York's Shame.

We doubt very much if the report of the Masset investigating committee, which pried into the corrupt practices of Tammany in the government of New York city's affairs, will have any appreciable effect on the people of that misgoverned city, or result in the institution of any reforms. The citizens of America's greatest city appear to be callous and indifferent and accept Croker's rule as a matter of course. It is a sad commentary on the public morals of Gotham. They do not seem to care how much the Tammany boss sitches from the public treasury so long as he does not extend his "financial operations" by burglarizing their houses.

In citing the subservience of the city departments to the "boss" the report says "that Richard Croker was not placed on the tax list for personal property in 1896, 1897, 1898, and 1899. In 1896 he was notified of an assessment of \$25,000, and on the 17th of January he swore as follows: 'I hereby swear that on the second Monday of January last the value of my personal property, exclusive of bank shares, subject to taxation did not exceed \$—, Richard Croker.' The testimony of Principal Tax Deputy Bell shows that Mr. Croker's house, 5 East Seventy-fourth street, had been reduced in assessable value from \$45,000 to \$40,000, while all but the immediately adjoining houses remained at their original valuation, and that subsequently \$4,000 had been added, leaving the house still \$1,000 less than its original valuation. The house in which district leader and Police Commissioner Sexton resides, was also reduced \$1,000 in value, and the testimony shows many similar marks of favoritism to members or friends of the organization.

"Like master, like man." Will it be supposed that sub-leaders of this disciplined organization, who have been appointed by the mayor to commissioner-ships and other important positions at the suggestion of Mr. Croker and his associates, will disregard the principles of their combination so clearly stated by the leader and his deputy, and will fail to turn their opportunities into business advantage for the leader, themselves, and the adherents of the organization? Did they not hear from him before we did the epigrammatic expressions that will always be remembered, 'To the party belongs the spoils.' 'We win and we expect everyone to stand by.' 'I want to get a living.' 'I am working for my pocket all the time.' 'That (patronage) is a part of my profit.' 'We want the whole business if we can get it.' 'We are giving pure organization government.' 'That is my private business.'"

The only result of this investigation is to tell the public in an official way what it already knew to be a fact—that Croker was in politics for the money that was in it, and to have the mortifying defiance flung from the witness stand, "what are you going to do about it?" It is a painful subject for the advocates of free and honest city government, and we are curious to know what the people ARE going to do about it. At present Croker has the people of New York by the throat, and we can't say that we sympathize with them to any great degree, because it is their own fault. Tweed was an amateur compared to the present Tammany boss.

A Remarkable Funeral.

Many great men are respected while living, but few are sincerely mourned when dead. The burial of a celebrated local politician in New York last Sunday was noteworthy in many respects. He was not in any sense a great man, judged by strict standards of eminence, but in his sphere of activity he must have done well, for 10,000 people followed the hearse through a pouring rain. To have inspired this tribute of affectionate remembrance he must have had a wonderful hold on their sympathies. But the secret of it all is found in the truthful eulogy of the rabbi who conducted the services, and who said: "He never deserted a friend; never violated a trust. Born of humble parents, he worked his way to the front in the affections of the people. He was an unburnished gem. He had his faults, but there is many a poor person who will miss him."

And what are faults in comparison with such humanitarian virtues. There is true greatness in the man who lives in the hearts of the people rather than in the cold and analytical sanctuaries of their minds.

West Virginia is taking the lead in other things besides the production of coal, coke and oil. Educationally she is close to the front rank. In the figures given by the national commissioner of education of the percentage of school enrollment of the public schools, West Virginia is only a few decimal points behind the state at the head of the list, Kansas. The percentage is, Kansas, 78.6; West Virginia 77.27. Of the great divisions of the country the south central comes first with 22.93 per cent, and the south Atlantic division is a good third, with 21.43 per cent. The old slave states are plainly not behind the northwest in their comprehension of the necessity of education, and both surpass in that respect the north Atlantic states, including New England, which has only 17.85 per cent of the population in school.

Now we ought to be happy. The American mules purchased for service in the British army have been pronounced far more serviceable than the best trained Spanish animals. From this we infer that it was the Spanish mule that stampered.

Bryan wants to be a three-ply candidate. He favors the assembling of the Populist, Silver Republicans and Democrats at the same time and his simultaneous nomination by the three assemblages.

The seismic shudder on the Pacific coast on Christmas was some shakes as an earthquake.

The Christmas editorials of the Democratic papers were appallingly som-

bre, containing nothing but large chunks of gloom. Santa Claus had nothing for them.

The Eighth ward in particular, and the city in general, lost a good citizen in the death yesterday, of Mr. Joseph A. Arkle. He was a veteran of the civil war.

The poor old 50 cent Democracy in groping around for some issues to make a campaign upon, don't know where "they are at."

Winston Churchill borrowed a volume from a Pretoria library entitled "Mills on Liberty"—and then escaped.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

For that tired feeling take a street car.

A remark carelessly dropped doesn't always fall flat.

Learn to do with diligence what you would do with ease.

In silence danger is concealed. Women are seldom dangerous.

Unless a man has some knowledge of figures he doesn't count.

When a tall man finds himself short he is naturally embarrassed.

Some words on the end of your tongue should be allowed to remain there.

The widow's mite is used too often as an excuse for small contributions.

A man must feel awfully upset when he finds himself head over heels in love.

It is easy to discourage a man who realizes that he isn't entitled to anything.

Don't seek to know too much. That was where Mother Eve made her great mistake.

The one trouble with a lot of poets is they are unable to make the feet lock-step.

No matter how careful a woman may be she invariably loses her name at the marriage altar.

Two persons may be able to live as cheaply as one after they are married—but they can't do it while engaged.

It was an Irish philosopher who said the strangest things in some newspapers are the ones that are left out—Chicago Daily News.

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